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SUBJECT: KUWAIT AID FOR JORDAN

REF: STATE 51333

- 1. IN CALL ON FONMIN SABAH MARCH 26 I PRESSED HIM STRONGLY ON RENEWAL OF SUBSIDIES TO JORDAN. IN VIEW SABAH'S CURRENT PREOCCUPATIONS, I STRESSED KUWAIT'S NEED FOR FRIENDS, OF WHICH JORDAN IDEOLOGICALLY, PHYSICALLY AND EVERY OTHER WAY COULD BE ONE OF BEST FROM GOK VIEWPOINT. HUSSEIN'S COMMUTATION OF ABU DAOUD SENTENCE ALSO HAD ENHANCED RULER'S PRESTIGE IN ARAB WORLD. AS GOK NOW ITSELF AWARE FROM EV ENCE OF FATAH/BSO LINKS (SEE SEPTEL) GOK INSISTENCE ON FORMAL SETTLEMENT OF GOJ/FATAH DIFFERENCES NO LONGER IN KUWAIT'S INTEREST.
- 2. FONMIN LISTENED CAREFULLY AND NODDED BUT THEN SAID " ALL THIS IS TRUE BUT JUST NOW IS NOT THE TIME."
- 3. COMMENT: KUWAITI RENEWAL OF FUNDS FOR JORDAN IS, I AM AFRAID, STILL SOME DISTANCE DOWN THE ROAD. ON OTHER HAND I BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON GOK UNDERSTANDING OF FATAH AND DANGERS IT COULD POSE FOR MODERATES INCLUDING KUWAITI REGIME. AS LONG AS SUBSIDIES REMAIN IN ESCROW, THERE IS HOPE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BE RELEASED TO GOJ. MOREOVER, SABAH KNOWS WE WILL BE AFTER HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN ON SAME SUBJECT. STOLTZFUS

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